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1. DURING RECENT CALL BY ALBRECHT (RPE) ON MORAWITZ OF
ECONMIN, THE LATTER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ITALY
AND PERHAPS OTHERS WOULD BARGAIN FOR A MORE PROTECTIVE
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CAP REGIME IN RETURN FOR OPENING THE CAP TO GREEK

PRODUCTS. WHILE GERMANY WOULD TRY TO LIMIT THIS DEVELOPMENT, HE THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON INTRA-COMMUNITY BARGAINING AND SPEAK UP QUICKLY IF WE PERCEIVE LIKELY DAMAGE TO OUR TRADE INTERESTS. HE STRONGLY DOUBTED THAT TRADE-DIVERTING EFFECT OF ENLARGEMENT OF CUSTOMS UNION TO INCLUDE GREECE WOULD IN ITSELF HAVE MUCH OF AN IMPACT.

2. TURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF THE LONG-TERM EFFECT ON COMMUNITY OF ENLARGEMENT TO INCLUDE GREECE AND TURKEY, MORAWITZ HOPED THAT SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN SUCH NEW MEMBERS AND THE NINE AS TO THE DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. AS A POSSIBLE MODEL, HE REFERRED TO THE PROPOSAL BRANDT MADE LAST NOVEMBER FOR A MORE ATTENUATED FORM OF MEMBERSHIP ON THE PART OF THE UK AND ITALY, AT A TIME WHEN THE COMMITMENT OR ABILITY OF THESE COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY WAS SOMEWHAT IN DOUBT. HE INFORMED US THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING SOME FORM OF MEMBERSHIP CLOSER THAN ASSOCIATION BUT LESS THAN FULL MEMBERSHIP WAS IN FACT NOW BEING STUDIED.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT THIS FRG STUDY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR OTHER SOURCES, AND BELIEVE IT IS AT THIS POINT ONLY A PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL BEING FLOATED BY ECONOMICS MINISTRY. WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL GET PAST POLICY MAKERS IN MFA WHO WOULD PERCEIVE THE POLITICAL RISKS INVOLVED IN STEPPING BACK FROM FRG COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY.
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